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In re PCT International Application of)
KLAVER, Hilbrand, et al.)
Int. Appln No.: PCT/EP2003/050786)
Intl. Filing Date: 3 November 2003)
ELONGATED SHAPED PARTICLES; USE AS A)
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: